

OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU —

The 10:00 a.m. (C.S.T.) Mass on Christmas Morning will be offered for the following intentions:

- (1) For the welfare of all benefactors, and for those who contributed toward the construction of the Abbey Church.
- (2) For the welfare of all those to whom we have promised our prayers and who have asked us for our prayers.
- (3) For the welfare of all those who are on the mailing list of our monastery, and who, because of that, are lovingly numbered among the Members of our Benedictine Family.

*May God Keep You
One and All!!!*



4. Wednesday Friday and Saturday of this week are EMBER DAYS and days of Fast and Abstinence. Meat is permitted once and at the main meal of both Wednesday and Saturday. The vigil of Christmas is normally a day of Fast and Abstinence, but since this year the Vigil falls on Sunday, it is not observed. Fasting and abstaining on the days just before the Day of Christmas itself admittedly are a source of hardship. Nevertheless, the Church imposes the hardship, and with good reason. We are all in need of penance and mortification. At the same time, the Church seems to (slightly) overlook the fact that even good people, might be tempted to celebrate slightly during the period of Fast. The Church calls the Fast of Christmas "Jejunium Gaude" = a joyful fast.)
5. The 1996 Calendars are available. Those who have paid for one, please approach Mrs. Neibuhr, Mrs. Roy or Abbot Leonard.
6. Confessions will not be heard before Midnight Mass.
7. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Abbot Leonard's Schedule)
SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY: Special Int. Peter O'Neil
TUESDAY: Special Int. Virginia Balnis
WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Patricia Haefling
THURSDAY: Special Int. Agnes Schwarzbauer
FRIDAY: Special Int. John Dziedziak
SATURDAY: Dec. Mary Ann Brown

Holy Christmas —

Happy

Christmas!

